The statistics compiled on the basis of information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations indicate that the number of cases registered in the country under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)Act, 1989, marginally declined from 30,315 cases in the year 2000 to 30,022 cases in the year 2001. In the case of State of Rajasthan also, the number of cases registered under the Act declined from 6679 cases in the year 2000 to 5915 cases in the year 2001.

(c) and (d) The matter was taken up with Government of Rajasthan, which has since apprised that in this incident, on 22.12.2001, S/Shri Babulal Bairwa and Harishankar Bairwa, residents of village Chakwada had given a written complaint in Phagi Police Station, District Jaipur Rural, mentioning therein that when on 14.12.2001 S/Shri Radhey Shayam Bairwa and Babulal Bairwa took bath in a public ghat, the persons from upper caste had a meeting and abused as well as misbehaved with them. On the basis of the complaint, a Case No. 436/01 under Section 147 of IPC and the Section 3(1) (10) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 was registered in the Police Station Phagi, District Jaipur rural. However, in the First Information report, there is no mention of imposing a fine of Rs. 51,000. The case, that was initially investigated by officers of Jaipur Rural District, was transferred to C.I.D. (Crime Branch), which, after investigation, filed charge sheets against 18 persons in the Court.

**Proposal to trifurcate the Punjab Wakf Board**

1972. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to trifurcate the Punjab Wakf Board:

(b) whether any representations have been received against the move of trifurcation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to review the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The matter is under consideration. The State Governments of Punjab Haryana and Himachal Pradesh have requested for establishment of State Wakf Boards as per the Wakf Act, 1995.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The representations are mainly on the ground that trifurcation will adversely affect the working and supervision of the religious and charitable institutions and other welfare activities of the Muslims of the concerned States; that there is disparity in income and expenditure of the Wakf properties to that of Muslim Population; that Muslims of the concerned States are opposed to the trifurcation; and there may be difficulty in appointing members in the separate Wakf Boards as per provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995. The representations also say that the Punjab Wakf Board should be an inter-State body like the Sikh Gurudwara Prabandak Committee.

(d) Does not arise.

**Assistance for welfare of SCs/STs and other backward classses**

†1973. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the amount of Special Central Assistance for Schemes of personal benefit regarding welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has allocated funds under the scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes development and Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for development of Scheduled Tribes as per details given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)

| Schemes | BE 2002-03 | BE 2003-04 |
|---|---|---|
| SCA to SCP | 371.62 | 376.91 |
| SCA to TSP | 500.00 | 500.00 |

There is no scheme of Special Central Assistance for Other Backward Classes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.